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SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION OF REGFISHATT (RFA) IN WESTERN PACI-
FIC REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETING IN SAIPAN

REF: STATE 581

1. DEPT HAS NOT BEEN SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED TO PREPARE ANY
PRESENTATIONS FOR SAIPAN MEETING OF JANUARY 10-12. QUES-
TIONS COULD ARISE ON THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS AND BRIEF
BACKGROUND IS OFFERED BELOW.

2. AGENDA ITEM 9C WILL ASK THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE A RESOLU-
TION ON FOREIGN BILLFISHING. DEPT VIEWS ON BILLFISH MAN-
AGEMENT ARE WELL KNOWN TO COUNCIL. RESOLUTION MAY CONTAIN
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NO RETENTION AND NO HOOKING, OR NO FISHING PROVISIONS.
WHILE THE DEPT SUPPORTS NO RETENTION, A NO HOOKING OR NO
FISHING PROVISION WOULD EFFECTIVELY BAN LONG-LINING FOR
TUNA, AND SHOULD BE OPPOSED. SUCH A POSITION WOULD HAVE A
DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON U.S. TUNA NEGOTIATIONS AND MAY BE
CONTRARY TO U.S. LAW.

3. AGENDA ITEM 10A. ALLOCATIONS TO FOREIGN FISHING FLEETS FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC SEAMONT FISHERY HAVE STILL NOT BEEN MADE. THE DEPT HAS ASKED THE GOVERNMENTS OF JAPAN AND THE USSR TO SUPPLY DATA ON THEIR 1977 CATCH IN THIS FISHERY AND

TO REAFFIRM THEIR INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FISHERY. WE ARE AWAITING A RESPONSE FROM MOSCOW AND ALLOCATIONS IN THIS FISHERY SHOULD BE MADE BY THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY. ALLOCATIONS WILL PROBABLY BE THE SAME AS 1977, I.E., 1000 METRIC TONS FOR JAPAN AND THE SOVIET UNION.

4. THE COUNCIL MAY ASK ABOUT THE DEPT RESPONSE TO THEIR INQUIRY ON THE STATUS OF U.S. TRUST TERRITORIES. AT THE LAST MEETING THE COUNCIL EXPRESSED INTEREST IN INVITING REPRESENTATIVES OF THOSE TERRITORIES WHICH WERE SEEKING COMMONWEALTH STATUS TO ATTEND FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS AS OBSERVERS. THE DEPT RESPONDED THAT NEGOTIATIONS OVER THIS MATTER ARE CONTINUING AND THAT PREDICTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE OUTCOME ARE NOT PRESENTLY POSSIBLE. FYI: THE DEPT FEELS THAT THE INVITATION BY THE COUNCIL WOULD BE PREMATURE, AND COULD POSSIBLY BE VIEWED AS PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TOWARDS THOSE TERRITORIES WHICH WERE INVITED. END FYI.

5. RFA MAY ALSO WISH TO BRIEF COUNCIL ON CONTENTS OF REFTTEL (SUBJECT: ENTRY INTO FORCE OF FCMA FOR NORTHERN UNCLASSIFIED

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